

To: All Concerned From: Lark C. Ludlow Date: April 27, 2009

Re: Resolution No. 12-2008-01, House Bills: 4677and 4678, and Senate Bills: 388and 389

We whole heartedly support the resolution: "Citizens Committee for the Michigan State Parks to eliminate the Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) and Boating Access Site Permit (BAS) and improve funding for Michigan State Parks and Other Michigan Outdoor Venues" for the following reasons:

- Michigan Parks and "other recreational opportunities" are in dyer need for increased funding in order to support the existing infrastructure; Restore some positions, jobs, which have been sacrificed for the past several years; Provide for increased funding for improvements of all such facilities; and, Give consideration for the thoughtful expansion of those facilities in order to create the new opportunities which are of interest to Michigan Residents and to the people we hope to attract, globally.
- Recreational opportunities are key to quality of life experiences, especially in situations which have the added value of cultural and or historical learning opportunities.
- Recreational opportunities must be upgraded in order to maintain and to attract Michigan Residents to stay and to spend their money in Michigan.
- Recreational opportunities are key in attracting out of state visitors so that their income will help to stabilize our state budget as well as to retain the business sector which caters to and benefits all residents when jobs are stimulated by the increase in demand for services by our
- Michigan is abundant in its natural resources. It only makes good sense that we must all participate in the financial protection, preservation, and thoughtful attractive use and accessibility of these natural resources.

As a unique business owner in our state, located within the Upper Tahquamenon Falls State Park, I am witness on a daily basis to the issues affecting our visitors to the park and the percentage of those visitors who access our services. Open access will reduce negativity and increase accessibility to services. Resolution No. 12-2008-01 has a very low financial impact on the individual and provides a far more expansive opportunity to generate the much needed funding for all of Michigan's parks and outdoor venues.

CC Michigan House of Representatives: Michael Lahti, Judy Nerat, Steven Lindburg, and Gary McDowell Michigan Senate: Jason Allen and Michael Prusi





